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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PRESIDENT SADAT TO VISIT U.S.

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1. IN WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR UPCOMING VISITS OF SADAT AND OTHER MIDDLE EAST LEADERS, WE HAVE DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORMITY OF TREATMENT WHICH WILL MINIMIZE CEREMONIAL AND PROTOCOLARY ASPECTS AND STRESS VISITS' SERIOUSNESS OF SUBSTANTIVE PURPOSE. WITH THIS IN MIND, THERE FOLLOWS A PROPOSED OUTLINE WHICH IS PATTERNED ON RABIN VISIT.

2. WE ENVISAGE SADAT ARRIVING LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 3 AT ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE WHERE HE WILL BE MET BY THE CHIEF
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OF PROTOCOL AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF DEPARTMENT REPRESENTING SECRETARY. THE SADATS WILL PROCEED TO BLAIR HOUSE FOR THE NIGHT. THE OFFICIAL PORTION OF SADAT'S TWO-DAY VISIT WOULD BEGIN MORNING APRIL 4 WITH PRESIDENT AND MRS. CARTER RECEIVING SADATS AT WHITE HOUSE. AFTER BRIEF CEREMONIAL WELCOME, TWO PRESIDENTS WOULD HOLD SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WHICH WOULD LAST ABOUT 90 MINUTES. AFTER MEETING AT WHITE

HOUSE SADAT WOULD ATTEND STAG LUNCHEON GIVEN BY SECRETARY AT DEPARTMENT. THE SECRETARY'S SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WITH

SADAT WILL TAKE PLACE THAT AFTERNOON. THE PRESIDENT WILL GIVE A STAG WORKING DINNER THAT EVENING FOR SADAT. APRIL 5 WOULD BE LAST DAY OF OFFICIAL VISIT AND WOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR ANY FOLLOW-ON MEETINGS SHOULD THEY PROVE DESIRABLE, PLUS ANY SESSIONS SADAT MAY WISH WITH OTHER CABINET OFFICERS, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND PRESS. AMBASSADOR DINITZ GAVE BLACK-TIE DINNER FOR RABIN WHICH VICE-PRESIDENT MONDALE AND SECRETARY ATTENDED. EGYPTIAN EMBASSY MAY WISH HOST COMPARABLE SOCIAL EVENT IF THAT IS SADAT'S DESIRE.

3. MRS. SADAT WOULD HAVE SEPARATE PROGRAM WHICH WOULD INVOLVE MRS. CARTER AND MRS. VANCE, DETAILS OF WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER.

4. THE USUAL SIZE OF OFFICIAL PARTY FOR VISIT THIS NATURE IS TWELVE MEMBERS WHO WOULD BE GUESTS AT BLAIR HOUSE EVENINGS APRIL 3,4 AND 5. WE WILL SECURE IN COOPERATION WITH EGYPTIAN EMBASSY COMMERCIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF SADAT'S OFFICIAL PARTY. GOE WILL BE EXPECTED TO PAY FOR ALL ACCOMMODATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE IN BLAIR HOUSE. WHATEVER SIZE OF SADAT PARTY, WE WOULD EXPECT TO LIMIT PARTY AT FUNCTIONS OF PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TO NO MORE THAN TWELVE.

5. YOU MAY ASSURE SADAT WE WILL COOPERATE IN ANY WAY
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POSSIBLE SHOULD HE AND/OR MRS. SADAT WISH TO REMAIN IN U.S. AFTER APRIL 6 ON PRIVATE VISIT. AGAIN, ANY TRAVEL IN U.S. AND ACCOMMODATIONS WILL BE AT EXPENSE OF GOE. GHORBAL HAS TOLD US HE ADVISED THAT SADAT NOT RPT NOT VISIT OTHER PLACES IN U.S. AFTER WASHINGTON BUT KEEP VISIT STRICTLY TO EFFORT TO PROMOTE ME PEACE. (FYI: WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE AN AIRCRAFT FOR LIMITED TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES IF REQUESTED, AS WAS DONE FOR PRIME MINISTER RABIN, BUT WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO PROMOTE THE IDEA.)

6. OFFICERS OF EGYPTIAN EMBASSY BELIEVE ADVANCE TEAM HEADED BY MOURSII SAAD EL DIN MAY COME TO WASHINGTON ABOUT MARCH 15. WE WILL APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION IF TEAM COMING AND ANY OTHER PARTICULARS AVAILABLE.

7. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR COMMENTS ON SCENARIO OUTLINED ABOVE AFTER YOU HAVE DISCUSSED IT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY.

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